(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would conduct such a survey to have disaggregated view of the economic growth in medium and small towns;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is a gap in the growth rates in such centres and the national economic growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir. No survey on the economic growth in non-metro Class II to Class VI cities has been conducted by the CSO and NSSO.

(b) Economic growth is captured by domestic product originating within the boundaries of a region. The CSO compiles this information at national level, where as at state and sub-state level, the responsibility lies with the state governments. Survey based information collected by NSSO can not capture the above information.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to conduct such survey.

(e) In view of (a) & (b) above, there is no basis to assess whether there is a gap in the growth rates in such centres and the national economic growth rate.

Rural-Urban Spending under MPLADS

2697. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds used under the MPLAD Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the ratio of the amount so spent on Schemes in rural areas and urban areas separately;

(c) whether Government propose to specify some minimum percentage of funds to be used in rural areas compulsorily; and

(d) if so, the quantum of percentage and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) The details

of funds released and expenditure incurred under MPLAD during last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds released	Expenditure incurred
2004-05	1310.00	1909.11
2005-06	1433.90	1643.97
2006-07	1451.50	1017.37
TOTAL	4195.40	4570.45

(b) to (d) The objective of the MPLAD Scheme is to enable MPs to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs in their Constituencies/States within the parameters of the Guidelines irrespective of whether it is a rural or urban area. The Scheme does not prescribe any fixed percentage of funds to be used in rural areas since the objective of the Scheme is to create durable community assets as per the felt needs of the people, on the recommendation of the MP, in both rural and urban areas.

Group Housing Society

†2698. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has decided to constitute a Separate category for group housing society of Delhi Police and for group housing society of other Central forces and to allot land to them on priority basis;

(b) whether Government would fix a time-limit for selling the allotted house so that only needy persons can avail of the benefit of group housing society;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.